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In the application of :  
DAVID HARRY MELIK, ET AL. : Confirmation No. 1970  
Serial No. 10/044,548 : Group Art Unit 1771  
Filed January 27, 2005 : Examiner

For SOFT EXTENSIBLE NONWOVEN WEBS CONTAINING MULTICOMPONENT  
FIBERS WITH HIGH MELT FLOW RATES

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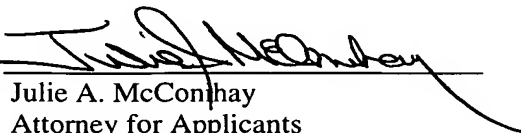
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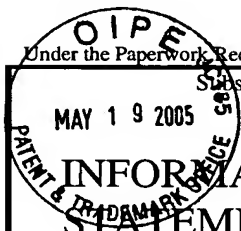
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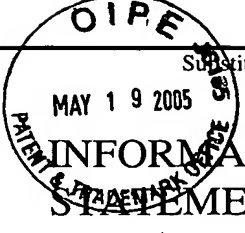
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